



An Update from Councilman Mel Franklin

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Prince George's Rising is a countywide newsletter designed to empower communities with key information and issues of concern. It is my honor to serve you on the Prince George's County Council. Over the last several years, including two years as Chairman, I have worked with my colleagues on the Council to move our County forward. With your help, we are bringing the world to Prince George's County and putting *Jobs First*. For more information, please go to <http://www.melfranklin.net/news/> or e-mail me at mel@melfranklin.net.

What is the *Jobs First!* Philosophy?

The *Jobs First!* philosophy is the principle that "When we buy local, hire local, invest local, and bank local, especially with our small, minority and woman owned businesses, we create the 'Prince George's Multiplier Effect' that creates jobs, generational wealth, and a larger tax base to fund critical priorities, like education, public safety, and transportation." But this concept will not happen by accident, it will require a *movement*. Over the next several months, we will engage in a great conversation about how we make the *Jobs First!* philosophy more of a reality in our county. When we put *Jobs First!*, we put "opportunity first" in Prince George's County.

Related Item "Council Approves Public Financing/Land for New Hospital, Councilman Urges Use of Local Businesses/Hiring": <http://www.melfranklin.net/councilman-mel-franklin-urges-use-of-local-businesses-and-local-hiring-in-development-of-new-regional-medical-center/>

Help the Police Reduce Thefts from Automobiles in the County

Important tips from Police Officer First Class (PFC) Donald McGuigan from Prince George's County Police Department: <http://www.melfranklin.net/pr-georges-police-offer-tips-to-reduce-thefts-from-automobiles-in-the-county/>



Prince George's County Residents Express Strong Desire to Return to Twice-A-Week Trash Service in Survey

Last week, I released the full results of a 45-day countywide, online survey gauging the satisfaction of county residents with last year's change from twice to once-a-week county trash removal service. A large majority, 74.4% of the 2,011 county residents who responded to the survey, expressed disapproval of the

change in service and desire to return to twice-a-week service, while only 25.6% expressed support for the change.

For full survey results, go here: <http://www.melfranklin.net/full-release-of-results-of-councilman-mel-franklins-45-day-survey-on-once-a-week-trash-service-in-prince-georges-county/>



Congratulations to Prince George's County Native Kevin Durant on Winning the 2016-17 NBA Title

“We are tremendously proud of Seat Pleasant’s own Kevin Durant for his incredible character and the outstanding example he has become for youth around the world, especially here in his home county. Prince George’s County congratulates Kevin Durant on an epic performance in the 2017 NBA Finals, winning the title and Finals MVP. Kevin’s post-game ‘shout out’ to his hometown and county was a special moment that county residents will always appreciate and remember. We also congratulate Kevin’s wonderful mother, Wanda Durant, who is a truly special lady and the driving force behind Kevin becoming the tremendous man he is today. Thank you, Kevin, for being an incredible athlete and champion, but an even better human being. Your county celebrates your wonderful achievements and we know that the best is yet to come.”

Full press release: <http://www.melfranklin.net/prince-georges-county-congratulates-county-native-kevin-durant-on-winning-the-nba-title-and-finals-mvp/>

Prince George’s County Family & Friends Day is August 27, 2017: *Please stay tuned for more details about our annual countywide festival.*

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

UMMS Hosts Local MBE Outreach Events for the Regional Medical Center – June 28, July 12



The University of Maryland Medical System will be hosting a Minority Business Enterprise networking fair for the construction of the new regional medical center in Largo, Maryland. An overview of the current project will be presented. The construction managers that will be bidding the project will also have booths for networking.

When: Wednesday June 28, 2017 and Thursday July 12, 2017

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: 900 A [Boulevard at the Capital Centre](#), Largo, MD, 20774

Health Care: A Moral Issue with Senator Chris Van Hollen and the Collective Empowerment Group, June 24th at Greater Mt. Nebo



With

U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen; The Collective Empowerment Group; Baltimore City Health Department;
The Maryland Health Initiative; Kaiser Permanente; DC Chapter, National Action Network.
We are pleased to announce that Be The Match Foundation was recently added as a participant.

Moderator:

[Karine Jean Pierre, MSNBC Contributor](#)

“Join us on Saturday June 24, 2017 from 2:30PM until 4:30PM for a forum on the Affordable Care Act and the impact of changes to the community. Following the forum, the Kaiser Permanente Medical Mobile Van will be on site.” *For full details, go here:*

https://outreach.senate.gov/igextranet/view_newsletter.aspx?id=129517&c=SenVanHollen



The Alice Ferguson Foundation Achieves “Living Building” Certification for New Environmental Education Center

The Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF), a nonprofit in southern Prince George’s County that has provided environmental education to students for over 50 years and manages the Hard Bargain Farm in Accokeek, MD, received full “living building” certification of its new Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Environmental Center under the Living Building Challenge by the International Living Future Institute (ILFI). The AFF Cafritz Environmental Center is among only 13 buildings in the world to achieve full Living Building Challenge certification, the highest environmental performance standard for buildings in the world.

Full press release here: <http://www.melfranklin.net/statement-of-councilman-mel-franklin-on-alice-ferguson-foundations-living-building-certification/>

Related item AFF hosts “Pinot on the Potomac” on June 24: <http://mailchi.mp/fergusonfoundation/get-your-tickets-today-for-pinot-on-the-potomac-978697?e=4fb13944d5>



Explore Prince George's County's History

The Prince George's African-American Museum & Cultural Center at North Brentwood

From PGAAMCC: The Prince George's African-American Museum & Cultural Center recognizes “the diversity of experience of the African American community and aim to reflect the broad spectrum of social and cultural activities of this community. We cherish our traditions and believe that our past should inform our future, and that bringing together diverse groups of people can create new approaches to cultural understanding.”

For more great info, go here: <http://www.pgaamcc.org/>

Prince George's County Natural and Historical Resources Division Sites & Museums

From the Parks and Recreation Department: “The Natural and Historical Resources Division has historic sites and museums to interest anyone that is looking for information and experiences in archaeology; African American history; aviation; preservation; the Civil War; War of 1812; county and national politics; early political figures; agriculture; early plantation life; pre-history; dinosaurs; early churches, cemeteries and schools; and the Lincoln assassination.”

For more great info, incl. historical sites and museums, go here:
http://history.pgprarks.com/sites_and_museums.htm



The County Supports Locally Owned and Operated Business with Local Business Loan Program - Special Assistance for Local Entrepreneurship (S.A.L.E.):
<http://www.melfranklin.net/special-assistance-for-local-entrepreneurship-s-a-l-e-program-invest-local-and-create-jobs/>

The Senior Assisted Living Group Home Subsidy Program



The Senior Assisted Living Group Home Subsidy Program provides funding for low-income older adults who may need financial assistance in order to afford placement in an assisted living facility and enables individuals to continue to reside in the community. The assisted living facility

combines housing with supportive services by offering congregate meals, housekeeping personal services and 24-hour supervision.

For more info: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1722/Long-Term-Care>

From Crime Data to Government Spending, Explore “Data Prince George’s”



From Wash. Post: “Data from the Prince George’s County government became easier to access ... after the county relaunched a website that gives the public the power to probe, download and search data sets about everything from building permits to crime.”

For *DataPrinceGeorge’s*, go here: <https://data.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>

For the Wash. Post story, go here: https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/open-data-portal-encourages-residents-to-analyze-their-government/2017/03/06/ff82b40a-0288-11e7-b1e9-a05d3c21f7cf_story.html?utm_term=.c8509549ae98

OTHER IMPORTANT COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention – Call 211

Still I Rise, Inc. Call (301) 868-4903 or go to <http://www.stillirisemd.org>

Prince George’s Co. Family Justice Center/The Next Step:

<http://www.princegeorgescourts.org/358/Prince-Georges-County-Family-Justice-Cen>

Employment/Workforce Training

The Training Source: <http://thetrainingsource.org/>

No Opportunity Wasted: <http://www.nooppwasted.org/>

Training Grounds Inc.: <http://traininggroundsdmv.org/>

Prince George’s Community College Workforce Development:

https://www.pgcc.edu/Programs_and_Courses/Workforce_Development_Institutes.aspx

Maryland Veterans Resource Guide: <http://veterans.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2017/04/4-12-17-Resource-Guide.pdf>

Apply for the Homeowners/Renters Tax Credit Program

Call 1(800) 944-7403 or go to

Homeowners: <http://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Homeowners'-Property-Tax-Credit-Program.aspx>

Renters: <http://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Renters'-Tax-Credits.aspx>

Apply for the Homestead Tax Credit Program

Call (866) 650-8783 or go to <https://sdathtc.dat.maryland.gov/default.aspx>

How to Appeal Your Property Tax Assessment

Call (301) 952-2500 or go to <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/appeal.html>

Free Legal Assistance: District Court (Upper Marlboro) Self-Help Legal Resource Center

Call 410-260-1392 or go to <http://www.courts.state.md.us/legalhelp/districtctselfhelpctr.html>

County-Based and Minority Business Procurement Opportunities and Certifications

Call (301) 883-6480 or go to <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1259/Business-Development>

County Employment and Workforce Assistance

Call (301) 583-4650 or go to <http://www.pgcedc.com/workforce-services>

For constituent concerns, please use County Click 311:

<http://countyclick.princegeorgescountymd.gov> or call 311

Request County Road Pothole Repair: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1025/Potholes>

Request State Road Pothole Repair (Roads with numbers, like MD-5, MD-4, US-1, US-301): <http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/knowyourroads.html>

Find Your Other Elected Officials:

Contact the County Executive at <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/directory.aspx?eid=93>

Find out and contact your state and federal elected officials at <http://mdelect.net>

View the Prince George's County Code and Charter at

http://www.municode.com/library/md/prince_george's_county/codes/code_of_ordinances

Is a resource you need not here?

Check <http://www.melfranklin.net> or contact me at: Mel@MelFranklin.net



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